

FISCAL NOTE

HB 568 - SB 707

April 21, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Treasurer to compile an annual report detailing the activities of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. On February 1 of each year the Treasurer shall file the report with the Clerk of each house of the General Assembly. The report shall include the years 2002 and 2003.

The report shall include the following:

- The amount of money available for distribution to victims in the fund at the beginning of the year;
- The amount of money available for distribution to victims remaining in the fund at the end of the year;
- The number of compensation claims filed during the year;
- The number of claims acted upon during the year;
- The number of claims granted during the year;
- The number of claims denied during the year;
- The reasons why the claims were denied;
- The offenses for which compensation claims were granted;
- The items for which compensation was granted
- The average amount awarded to each successful claimant;
- The average amount requested by those whose claims were denied;
- The amount of difference and reasons why victims of the same crime may have been awarded different amounts of compensation;
- The average length of time it takes to act upon a claim from the date filed until the date approved or denied.

Each report shall include the recommendations of the Treasurer as to what specific types of awards could be raised while still maintaining the integrity and soundness of the fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes any cost to the State Treasurer can be absorbed with existing staff and resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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